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TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

REF: PRAGUE 390

1. SMITHSONIAN GRATIFIED BY MORE PROMISING OUTLOOK FOR
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PARTICIPATION BICENTENNIAL FESTIVAL.
TIMING, HOWEVER, POSES PROBLEM.

2. REFTTEL SUGGESTS WASHINGTON PRECEDE MONTREAL SCHEDULED FOR
JUNE 15. WASHINGTON FESTIVAL STARTS JUNE 16 AND MOST
COUNTRIES WHICH ACCEPTED SMITHSONIAN INVITATION EARLY NOW
HAVE FIRM DATES. CZECHOSLOVAKIA TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO
ARRIVE AUGUST 29 FOR FINAL WEEK OF FESTIVAL.

3. REQUEST P&C INFORM ENGLISH OF TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS
FOLLOWS: ENSEMBLE ARRIVAL AUGUST 29: REHEARSALS,
ORIENTATION AUGUST 30, 31; PERFORMANCES ON MALL, WASHINGTON,
SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH 6 (TO INCLUDE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY);
FREE DAY SEPTEMBER 7; TWO WEEKS TOUR TO START SEPTEMBER 8.

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4. ENGLISH-JAKOBSON LETTERS CROSSING EACH OTHER.

JAKOBSON NOW WRITING SECOND LETTER ON TIMING, PER ABOVE.
CZECHOSLOVAKIA EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, UNINFORMED ABOUT ANY
SCHEDULING. KISSINGER

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